Determination of scale for payment of compensation

2114. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in 'Indian Express' of 2nd July, 1989 to the effect that families of 350 persons who died of gastroenteritis have claimed a compensation of Rs. 5.16 crores; and

(b) whether Government propose to lay down a suitable scale of compensation arising from supply of faulty goods and services such as water, medicines, bus and train accidents etc. in consultation with the National Consumer Grievances Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the existing provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, the Consumer Redressal Machinery is empowered to direct the opposite party to pay such amount as may be awarded by it as compensation to the consumer for any loss or injury suffered by the Consumer due to the negligence of the opposite party.

Non-payment for DESU connection by DDA

2115. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the various parties in Institutional Area behind Kutab Hotel have already paid their share for permanent DESU connection, a sum of Rs. 55,54,880/- to DDA;

(b) whether it is a fact that DDA is having the above amount and if so, whether DDA propose to pay panel interest on this sum to the parties; and

(c) whether DESU will be advised to go already with the job at the earliest since this is no fault of parties but of DDA ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) Delhi Development Authority has not received any money from any party for permanent D.E.S.U. connections behind Kutab Hotel. However, DESU has prepared an augmentation scheme for meeting additional load requirement and has demanded a sum of Rs. 55,54,880/- from the DDA as its share of the total expenditure. DDA has not so far made the payment as the estimates are under process. DESU has stated that it can take up the work only on payment by the DDA.

Milk Powder Plants under NDDB

2116. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of milk powder plants have been set up by NDDB under Op. Flood and if so, the details of each showing date of installation, its location, capacity utilisation year-wise and total cost involved indicating names of suppliers;

(b) whether 8 milk powder plants of 30 MT capacity costing about Rs. 24 crores are under installation and if so, the details thereof indicating date of installation, locations and names of suppliers;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of milk in villages, towns and also cities as also evidenced by ban on milk products in Delhi leading to commercial imports of milk powder and butter oil costing over Rs. 100 crores during 1988-89; and

(d) whether Government would look afresh into the matter and ensure that serious imbalances in Dairy Development Projects are rectified?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.